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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, I am transmitting the following amendment of California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). This amendment includes programming modifications to the rural, non-Metropolitan Planning Organization portion of the state and applies specifically to Madera County.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
4	<b>Local Highway and Transit Elements</b>

- Modifies or adds various projects in Madera County. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, State and Local Transportation Funds.
- Operating assistance for fixed-route transit system (MPO ID: MAD202030): Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC) has requested to withdraw this project from the amendment.  
See enclosure.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement or have been found to conform to applicable air quality regulations. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between MCTC and the Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG), the COFCG makes the finding of air quality conformity for Madera County. Documentation is enclosed from the COFCG that satisfies this requirement.

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. This amendment was prepared under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies and other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Nicholas", is written over the printed name and title.

JIM NICHOLAS

Chief

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Enclosures

c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)  
Liz Levine - Madera County Transportation Commission  
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bc: SCurti - D 6 (Planning)  
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